

# ALABAMA REPORTER.

TALLADEGA, ALA.

THURSDAY, June 15, 1865.

Dr. George McKenzie.

The hearts of our stricken community are again made sad by the tidings that George McKenzie was drowned on the 9th May, near Linden, Marengo Co. He had gone a fishing, taking the little sea of Mr. White on the horse behind him. The circumstances indicate that the horse taking fright, fell with them on a steep bank of the creek, precipitating them into deep water where both were drowned.

In April frequent hemorrhages compelled Dr. M. to relinquish his position in the Army Hospital where his services had been untiring and invaluable, in the hope of regaining his health by a change of climate. He reached the Mississippi river but his strength failing, he was brought back to Linden where he enjoyed every kindness in the family of Mr. Porter to whom he dedicated himself, as a son and a brother, and whose grief is only less than that of his own family.

Few young men—if any—among all our noble dead from this vicinity, have left a reputation better than his, for gentleness, modesty, kindness, spotless integrity and filial piety.

In the Hospitals his professional skill, his devotion to the welfare of the sick and dying soldiers, his gentlemanly bearing and his untiring purity of character made him a favorite with his professional brethren and secured for him the blessings of thousands who were ready to perish.

It was his intention to have publicly professed his faith in Christ, but the urgency of his case required him to leave before the day appointed. No doubt is felt in reference to his preparation for the summons, sudden and sad as it was.

## Texas Intelligene.

Order seems to reign in all parts of Texas, and the Confederate troops, after plundering the commissary stores in Houston, retired quietly to their homes, without molesting private property. The Houston Telegraph says:

The situation in Houston remains much the same. vast numbers of troops are constantly passing through town, going quietly about their business, disturbing no one, and observing order and decorum at all times. A military police enforces order in town. Business is at a dead stand. No stores were open yesterday at all. Everybody seemed inclined to keep holiday.

We publish to-day General E. Kirby Smith's farewell address to the troops lately under his command. We have not been so favorably impressed with his address as with the course in the main of the retiring General since he commanded this Department. At this time, however, of general humiliation and sadness, it does not become any of us to find fault with each other. We have been surrendered without the terms we hoped and expected. Let us again accept the situation, humiliating as it may be, and do the best in our power to comply with laws that will henceforth govern us.

The following is the address alluded to:

BEACON'S TEXAS. DEP'T.  
Houston, May 30, 1865.

Friends. The day after I refused the demand of the Federal Government to surrender this department, I left Shreveport for Houston. I ordered the Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana troops to follow. My purpose was to concentrate the entire strength of the department, await negotiation, and, if possible, secure terms alike honorable to soldier and citizen. Failing in this, I intended to struggle to the last—and with an army united in purpose, firm in resolve, and battling for the right, I believed God

would yet give us the victory. I reached here to find the Texas troops disbanded and hastening to their homes. They had forsaken their colors and their command—several places of rendezvous to count the proceedings. After that they separated as quietly as they came together, and during the balance of the day were starting off towards their homes.

## Latest From the North.

Washington, May 25.—A communication appears in the *Chronicle* this morning which is understood to be from the pen of Senator Sherman. The point is that the President had no more to do in rejecting the Sherman-Johnston treaty than simply to direct the rejection.

Your present duty is plain. Return to Stanton's bulletins are issued upon his families. Resume the occupations of peace. Yield obedience to the laws, give up to the present difficulty. The labor to restore order. Strive with your counsel and example to give security to life and property. And may God in his mercy direct you straight and heal the wounds of our distressed country.

E. Kirby Smith, General.

The Telegraph of the 24th, ad., gives the following account of the way upon which the communication was published? Had not an officer in

the ordnance and quartermasters' stores

The confused, disorderly division of Government property among the soldiers that has been going on for several weeks all over the country, from Beaufort to Shreveport, commenced here yesterday morning by the breaking into the ordnance department and the distribution of six shooters, muskets, ammunition, etc.

From the noisy distribution proceeded to the clothing bureau, where with surprising little excitement and noise, considering the amount of work being done, the large stores of cloth blankets, made up stitching, etc., were parceled out by the crowd regardless of claim, merit, or anything else. He was most fortunate who had the strongest arms or the most spacious racks. Bolts of domestic flannels, etc., were sent off by the army that he has but little to offer. Nothing came amiss, mosquito bars, shoes, grey cloth, sides of leather, packages of shirt buttons, bolts of blankets, mule whips, hammers, headstalls, etc., etc., all went into the division and all were accepted as a part of the new issue.

The number of troops participating in the affair must have reached two or three thousand, besides quite a number of women, children, negroes and men, in citizens' garb. Every man seemed to go all he could carry away, and all together carried away all there was. They made a clean sweep, taking every item of Government property worth carrying away.

The estate of the Confederacy seemed to be administered on without regard to law. The only recognized claim was that of those who presented their own claim.

Private property was for the most part not in every instance respected. We did not hear of a single instance of depreciation, and believe none was damaged by any of the participants of this affair.

All the inquiry as to how the thing happened was fruitless of any definite reply. The town was patrolled by a mounted squadron of DeBry's brigade all night. The patrol was dismissed at 6 A. M.—The melee began at about 3 A. M.—The first we saw of it was a large crowd in front of the issue office of the clothing department, and men coming out loaded down with plunder.

The sight of this sort of thing seemed to electrify the whole crowd of soldiers in the streets. Everybody went in for his share. The amount of goods was very large, much larger than anybody dreamed of. Notwithstanding thousands of suits of clothes had been issued for weeks previous, there seemed to be an immense number left. This all went first, and the miscellaneous plunder followed.

The excitement continued till about

## HEAD QUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES.

Talladega, Ala., May 14th 1865.

### General Orders, No. 1.

1. The General Commanding announces to the citizens of Talladega, and surrounding country, that the occupation of this point by the United States Forces, is for the preservation of good order, and the protection of citizens, in their property and occupations, and to open communication with the country, to his command, with all munitions of war, enable the people to obtain supplies for and other property belonging to the Confederate Government, now under his control.

Civil Officers will retain their authority, and will enforce the civil laws, except officers giving their individual paroles, such as shall give aid or support to the and commanders of regiments, detachments of the United States. No private men and batteries signing the paroles property will be molested. Whenever it for their men. All will be permitted to do, in rejecting the Sherman-Johnston treaty, simply to direct the rejection.

Where was the cause when Halleck's

insulting order was published? It is

found in error; he continues an insult

and neither his person nor rank can

shield him. The communication also

urges the publication of the official report, and that the natural resentiment of

soldier, sensitive on account of a pal

obligation, should be respected and observed.

The writer of this is not disposed to

belittle either the services of General

Sherman, or the energy of Stanton, and

would rather see both expanded on the

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Sherman yesterday pointedly declined

on the President's stand, to take the

hand of Stanton, and is quite indifferent

as to the sentiments of the impudent

and seditious General.

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By command of

Brev. Brig. Gen.

M. H. CHRYSLER,

ROBERT BARBER,

A. A. A. General.

Head Quarters U. S. Forces.

Talladega, Ala., May 29th 1865.

The General Commanding directs

for the information of all concerned that in accordance with General Order No. one (1) that all property belonging to the Confederate States should be turned in at these Head Quarters.

Information is daily received that men in different parts of the Country have banded themselves together, seizing and retaining property that belonged to the Confederacy but under the terms of the surrender, now belongs to the United States Government. NAMES of

many of whom are now on file at this office.

These marauders not only take

Federal property but at the same

time plunder and pillage private citizens.

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